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Salvadoran Government is virtually without detailed information concerning developments in Guatemala. Nevertheless, consensus reports thus far available to it indicate initial success of movement and Sub-Secretary Defense expressed to Army Attache confidence in Castillo Armas.

Some National Guard have been sent to frontier as precautionary move probably insure maintenance neutrality.

Foreign Office has received cable from Toriello quoting text complaint to UNSC accusing Honduras, Nicaragua, and United States of armed intervention. Proposes reply tomorrow generally indicating neutral attitude of government and hopes satisfactory solution matter can be reached. However, understand note contains reference April 1953 protest (WEEKA 15 April 10, 1953) which included Salvador and that reply will note incorrect accusation Salvador at that time.

Reliably informed Somoza few days ago sent message Galvez Nicaragua would back up Honduras if necessary.

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NOTE: Passed Army, Navy, Air and OSD 6/20/54, 5 a.m., EJH.

Mr. Fisher (MID) notified 6/20/54, 3:45 a.m., EMB (CWO).

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